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SUBJECT: MAY 22 NPG STAFF GROUP MEETING ON ROLE OF MC IN NUCLEAR
CONSULTATION

REF: (A) USNATO 2758; (B) STATE 105628; (C) NPG/WP(74)4

BEGIN SUMMARY: NPG STAFF GROUP MET ON MAY 22 TO REVIEW
GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS ON SYG LUNS' PROPOSED COMPROMISE
FOR PARA. 14 OF DRAFT NPG REPORT FOR DPC ON ROLE OF MC IN
NUCLEAR CONSULTATION. COMPROMISE WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO
SEVERAL COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S. IS CIRCULATED ALTERNATIVE
COMPROMISE (PARA. 2 BELOW) WITH WHICH CHAIRMAN MC HAS AGREED.

ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE ON ALTERNATIVE COMPRO-
MISE IN PARA. 2 BELOW BY MONDAY, MAY 27. END SUMMARY.

1. NPG STAFF GROUP MET ON MAY 22 TO REVIEW GUIDANCE FROM
CAPITALS ON SYG LUNS' PROPOSED COMPROMISE FOR PARA. 14 OF
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THE DRAFT NPG REPORT FOR DPC ON ROLE OF MC IN NUCLEAR CONSUL-
TATION (REF (A)). U.S. REP (WOODWORTH), DRAWING ON GUIDANCE
IN REF (B), SAID U.S. DID NOT ACCEPT PROPOSED COMPROMISE,
BUT FAVORED FURTHER EFFORT TO REACH ALTERNATIVE COMPROMISE

LANGUAGE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL. FRG, NETHERLANDS, ITALY NORWAY AND PORTUGAL HAD SIMILAR POSITIONS. UK, DENMARK, TURKEY, BELGIUM AND CANADA INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR ORIGINAL TEXT OF DRAFT NPG REPORT FOR DPC (REF (C)), BUT SAID THEY COULD "LIVE WITH" SYG LUNS' PROPOSED COMPROMISE.

2. SG CHAIRMAN (SEIM) SAID THAT SINCE COMPROMISE PROPOSED BY SYG LUNS WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL COUNTRIES, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO TRY TO FIND ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION. HE CIRCULATED FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE COMPROMISE FOR CONSIDERATION BY NPG COUNTRIES: DELETE LAST SENTENCE OF PARA. 14 OF REF (C) AND SUBSTITUTE FOLLOWING: BEGIN QUOTE HOWEVER, AS IS THE CASE WITH THE COUNCIL/DPC, SUCH MILITARY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT PRESERVES THE BASIC OBJECTIVE OF THE NUCLEAR CONSULTATION PROCESS, NAMELY, THE TIMELY PRESENTATION OF CLEARLY IDENTIFIED GOVERNMENT VIEWS IN THE COUNCIL/DPC AND CAPITALS. END QUOTE. IMS REP (CAP. COCK) SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS SOLUTION PRIOR TO SG MEETING WITH CHAIRMAN, MC (ADMIRAL HILL-NORTON), AND THAT IT WAS ACCEPTABLE TO HIM. SEIM ASKED SG MEMBERS TO OBTAIN REACTIONS OF THEIR AUTHORITIES.

3. MISSION COMMENT: STAFF REPS FROM U.S., UK, FRG, CANADA, IS AND IMS WORKED OUT PROPOSED COMPROMISE IN PARA. 2 ABOVE AT PRIVATE MEETING ON PRECEDING DAY. THE NEW SENTENCE DOES NOT CHANGE THE SUBSTANCE OF ORIGINAL TEXT. OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE, IT IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE CHAIRMAN, MC, WHICH PROVIDES A WAY OUT OF THE IMPASSE. PRELIMINARY AND INFORMAL REACTIONS OF SG MEMBERS WERE FAVORABLE. MISSION RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON APPROVAL OF THE NEW SENTENCE IN PARA. 2 ABOVE. PERM REPS MAY WISH TO DISCUSS IT NEXT WEEK, BUT, ASSUMING FULL AGREEMENT, MAY SIMPLY APPROVE IT BY SILENCE PROCEDURE.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM ITALIAN REP, SEIM SAID THAT IS CONSIDERED THAT TWO REVISIONS TO PARA. 14 OF REF (C) PROPOSED BY NETHERLANDS AT MAY 16 NPG PERM REPS MEETING
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WERE APPROVED. THESE REVISIONS ARE DELETION IN THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE OF PARA. 14 OF THE PHRASES BEGIN QUOTE AND POSSIBLY END QUOTE, AND BEGIN QUOTE PRECISE END QUOTE. COMMENT: NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR SUGGESTED THESE REVISIONS, BUT THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION NOR INDICATION OF APPROVAL OF THEM AT PERM REPS MEETING. IS ASSUMED THAT SINCE THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS, THE REVISIONS WERE ACCEPTABLE. IT IS APPARENT THAT SUCH AN OUTCOME WAS NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING. HOWEVER, THE REVISIONS DO NOT AFFECT SUBSTANCE OF ORIGINAL TEXT, AND THUS MISSION SEES NO HARM IN THEM. NO OTHER NPG MEMBERS HAVE INDICATED OBJECTION TO THEM.
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